

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. In an innovation marketplace comprising an innovator interface, a developer interface, and an innovation marketplace server, each of which is communicatively connected to a network, a method for dynamically matching knowledge capital with developers capable of developing the knowledge capital comprising:

receiving knowledge capital information at the innovation marketplace server from at least two innovator interfaces defining a plurality of innovation profiles;

dividing each of the plurality of innovation profiles into at least two sub-profiles wherein a first sub-profile comprises a first level of information and a second sub-profile comprises a second more comprehensive level of information;

storing the sub-profiles in at least one database associated with the innovation marketplace server;

searching the database to determine if one or more of the first sub-profiles matches a predefined search criteria;

displaying at least one first sub-profile in response to a match between the at least one first sub-profile and a search criteria provided by a developer; and

providing access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to the satisfaction of an access barrier.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving knowledge capital information from at least two innovator interfaces defining a plurality of innovation profiles comprises receiving information identifying an innovator of the knowledge capital.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising verifying the identity of the innovator of the knowledge capital using information obtained from a database remote from the innovation marketplace server.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein storing the sub-profiles in a database comprises storing the first sub-profile in a first database and the second sub-profile in a second database.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving knowledge capital information from at least two innovator interfaces defining a plurality of innovation profiles includes associating a time and date stamp with the knowledge capital information indicating the date and time the knowledge capital information was received.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising receiving additional knowledge capital information from at least one innovator interface, storing the additional knowledge capital information in one of the plurality of innovation profiles, and associating a different date and time stamp with the additional information indicating when the additional information was added to the innovation profile.

7. The method of claim 5, further comprising storing the knowledge capital information including the associated time and date stamp on at least one server remote from the innovation marketplace server.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving knowledge capital information from at least two innovator interfaces defining a plurality of innovation profiles includes receiving knowledge capital information comprising a unique digital signature indicating the author of the knowledge capital information.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to the satisfaction of an access barrier comprises providing access to the second sub-profile in response to the payment of a monetary amount.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein providing access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to the satisfaction of an access barrier comprises providing access to the second sub-profile in response to a developer entering into a contractual obligation with the innovator.

11. A system for dynamically matching knowledge capital with developers capable of developing the knowledge capital comprising:

an innovator interface;

a developer interface;

a network; and

an innovation marketplace server wherein the innovation marketplace server is communicatively connected to the innovator interface and the developer interface through the network and;

wherein the innovation marketplace server: receives knowledge capital information from the innovator interface defining a plurality of innovation profiles; divides each of the plurality of innovation profiles into at least two sub-profiles wherein a first sub-profile comprises a first level of information and a second sub-profile comprises a second level of information; stores the sub-profiles in at least one database associated with the innovation marketplace server; searches the database to determine if one or more of the first sub-profiles matches a search criteria defined by information received from the developer interface; displays at least one first sub-profile in response to a match between the at least one first sub-profile and the search criteria; and provides the developer interface with access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to the satisfaction of an access barrier based on input received from the developer interface.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server receives knowledge capital information from at least two innovator interfaces defining a plurality of innovation profiles comprising information identifying a innovator of the knowledge capital.

13. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server further verifies the identity of the innovator of the knowledge capital using information obtained from a database remote from the innovation marketplace server.

14. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server stores the first sub-profile in a first database and the second sub-profile in a second database.

15. The system of claim 11, wherein the knowledge capital information received by the innovation marketplace server comprises a time and date stamp associated with the knowledge capital information indicating the date and time the knowledge capital information was received.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the innovation marketplace server receives additional knowledge capital information from at least one innovator interface, stores the additional information in one of the plurality of innovation profiles, and associates a date and time stamp with the additional information indicating when the additional information was added to the innovation profile.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein the innovation marketplace server stores the knowledge capital information including the associated time and date stamp on at least one server remote from the innovation marketplace server.

18. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server receives knowledge capital information comprising a unique digital signature indicating the author of the knowledge capital information.

19. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server provides access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to the payment of a monetary amount.

20. The system of claim 11, wherein the innovation marketplace server provides access to the second sub-profile corresponding to the at least one first sub-profile in response to a developer entering into a contractual obligation with the innovator.